

4th Quarter Agriculture

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COULD UPSTATE NEW YORK BE THE CHRISTMAS TREE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES? FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES NEW YORK IS EXPORTING A SIZABLE NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS TREES. THAT'S THE RESULT OF A NATIONWIDE SHORTAGE OF THE TRADITIONAL EVERGREENS, TRIGGERED BY THE HUGE NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS WENT UNDER DURING THE RECESSION. BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE MUCH IMPACT HERE, AND THAT'S PROVIDED TREE FARMERS WITH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TOP PRICES FOR THEIR TREES BY SHIPPING THEM OUT OF STATE.

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AGRICULTURE IS BOOMING ACROSS NEW YORK. NEW FIGURES SHOW SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES HAVE SOARED 35 PERCENT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. A MAJOR FORCE FOR THAT GROWTH IS THE LOCAL FOOD MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS TAKEN HOLD HERE IN THE UTICA ROME AREA. SMALL FARMS ARE OFFERING LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE, POULTRY, AND MEAT, MUCH OF IT ORGANICALLY GROWN. THE BIGGEST GROWTH HAS COME IN THE SALE OF LOCALLY PRODUCED CHICKEN AND EGGS, WHICH HAS JUMPED 63 PERCENT.